

REMARKS


The subject application is a U.S. national phase application under 35 U.S.C. 371 of International Application No. PCT/JP2004/005928. By this Preliminary Amendment, the specification has been amended to correct typographical errors therein, claim 17, has been corrected to correct an informality therein, claims 5 and 9-11 have been amended to remove multi-dependencies in the claims, and new dependent claims 21-23 corresponding to claims 9-11 have been added. Accordingly, claims 1-23 are presented for examination.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, Applicant's undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the telephone number provided below.

Authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any required fees to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,

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